

## Message Text

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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L)  
SUBJ: ATHERTON MEETING WITH BEGIN - JULY 27

REF.: JERUSALEM 2049

1. I HAVE REVIEWED MY NOTES FROM THE ATHERTON MEETING  
WITH BEGIN AND OFFER THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO THE  
REFTEL.

2. AT THE END OF PARAGRAPH FIVE THE PRIME MINISTER  
DID COMMENT THAT ISRAEL WOULD CONSIDER A DEAL CONCERNING  
EL ARISH. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO MY NOTES HE WENT  
ON TO SAY HE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A PURELY HYPOTHETICAL  
EXAMPLE OF THE PARTIAL AGREEMENTS HE HAD IN MIND. IF  
SADAT WANTED CONTROL OF EL ARISH AND SANTA CATERINA,  
THAT WAS A POSSIBILITY. BUT THERE HAD TO BE SOME QUID  
PRO QUO, PERHAPS THAT ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN RAFAH COULD  
STAY. BEGIN SAID THAT WAS ONE EXAMPLE OF A TRADE,  
BUT HE IMPLIED HE WOULD CONSIDER OTHER QUID PRO  
QUOS AS WELL.

3. IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS IN PARAGRAPH 18 ON WHERE  
AUTHORITY FOR NEW REGIME WOULD DERIVE FROM, BEGIN WENT  
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ON TO SUGGEST THAT AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE THREE PARTIES  
COULD PROVIDE A SECOND SOURCE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE  
NEW REGIME. HE DID NOT IGNORE THIS POSSIBILITY NOR  
EXCLUDE IT. HE SIMPLY SAID THAT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE,  
AUTHORITY SHOULD DEVOLVE FROM THE MILITARY GOVERNOR SO  
THAT AUTONOMY COULD BEGIN AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. IN ADDITION, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT BEGIN DID NOT REALLY  
REJECT THE "END OF OCCUPATION" CONCEPT OR APPROACH WE  
HAVE BEEN RECENTLY TALKING ABOUT. IT WAS THE WORD ITSELF  
THAT SET HIM OFF, NOT THE IDEA WHICH LIES BEHIND IT.

5. FINALLY, DATE IN PARAGRAPH 19 SHOULD READ MARCH 30  
REPEAT MARCH 30. LEWIS

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